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SUBJECT: BHUTTO ARTICLE ON PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN RELATIONS

1. GOP RELEASED TO PRESS OCTOBER 30 THIRD IN SERIES OF SIGNED ARTICLES BY PM BHUTTO ON PAKISTAN FOREIGN POLICY. WRITTEN, WE UNDERSTAND, BY SPECIAL ASSISTANT YUSUF BUCH FROM OUTLINE PREPARED BY PM, IT IS ENTITLED "BILATERALISM: NEW DIRECTIONS" (FIRST TWO WERE ON RCD AND THIRD WORLD). ARTICLE IS LARGELY A REITERATION OF FAMILIAR BHUTTO POSITIONS SPELLED OUT IN HIS BOOK THE MYTH OF INDEPENDENCE AND IN OTHER STATEMENTS, AND IS INTERLARDED WITH SELF-CONGRATULATORY RECOLLECTIONS OF PART BHUTTO PLAYED IN CORRECTING SHORTSIGHTED POSITIONS PREFERRED BY PRESIDENT AYUB. COPIES OF GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS AND MEMORANDA SERVED AS APPENDICS SUPPORTING PRIME MINISTER'S ASSERTIONS.

2. INEVITABLY, ARTICLE HAS LONG DISCUSSION OF HISTORY OF PAK-US RELATIONS. BHUTTO STATES THAT HE IS NOT

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APOLOGETIC ABOUT PAK-US AGREEMENTS. HE WRITES THAT

"INSOFAR AS THEY ARE INTRINSICALLY CONSISTENT WITH PAKISTAN'S SELF-INTEREST, UNTAINTED WITH ANY DISHONOURABLE MOTIVE, DIRECTED AGAINST NO OTHER POWER'S LEGITIMATE INTERESTS AND AS THEY DO NOT FETTER PAKISTAN'S STANDPOINTS NOR HAMPER ITS LOYALTY TO THE CAUSE OF ASIA AND AFRICA, PAKISTAN IS UNDER NO NECESSITY OF REPUDIATING THESE AGREEMENTS MERELY TO ESTABLISH ITS CREDENTIALS AS A MEMBER OF THE THRID WORLD AND A PROMOTER OF ITS SUPREME AIMS."

3. ONLY ASPECT OF BHUTTO ARTICLE WHICH IS OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST IS ITS REITERATION IN BY NOW FAMILIAR TERMS OF GOP POSITION ON REPROCESSING PLANT ISSUE. IT DESCRIBES PAKISTAN'S GOING AHEAD WITH ITS PEACEFUL NUCLEAR PROGRAM AS " A NON-EVENT AS FAR AS NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IS CONCERNED", CLAIMS THAT ISSUE HAS BEEN WHOLLY MISUNDERSTOOD BY CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN US, AND DECLARES THAT PAKISTAN NOT ONLY SHARED THE GENERAL CONCERN ABOUT PROLIFERATION BUT, IF ANYTHING, HAS MORE CAUSE FOR APPREHENSION THAN EVEN THE MOST HUMANE OPINION ELSEWHERE. ALTHOUGH BHUTTO ARTICLE WAS RELEASED AFTER ISSUANCE OF PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR POLICY, IT WAS SENT TO PUBLISHER AT LEAST SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE, AND PASSAGES ON REPROCESSING PLANT ISSUE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED A REPLY TO USG INITIATIVE.

4. WE WILL BE SENDING ADDRESSEE POSTS MORE COMPLETE ANALYSIS BY AIRGRAM ENCLOSING COPIES OF ARTICLE.
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